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Operation JASSM Thunder 05

Newest B-1 capability highlighted by base exercise

By Senior Airman
Matthew Rosine
Dyess Public Affairs

Dyess B-1 bombers once again demonstrated their superior flexibility and air power capability during operation JASSM Thunder 05-01 simulating 72 launches of the B-1's newest weapon, the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile.

The JASSM Thunder 05-01 operational exercise, hosted by the 7th Bomb Wing April 25-28, is the first operational-level "planning to execution" exercise for the B-1 bomber featuring its new JASSM capability.

The JASSM, or AGM-158A, is a air-to-surface, self-propelled weapon with a single warhead that has an effective range of approximately 200 nautical miles. The JASSM was designed to penetrate highly defended airspace as an independent cruise missile in order to eliminate high-value fixed targets. It has the ability to "precision strike" hard targets, soft targets or targets of opportunity.

"We developed the capability to use this weapon, but we recognized the need for all of the off-base players to be on board with its employment,"

said Maj. Joseph Reidy, 7th Operations Group. "The JASSM is designed to provide true stand-off capability. By effectively using this weapon, we can keep a \$280 million aircraft and its aircrew as far out of harm's way as possible."

"This test gives us the ability to realistically employ this important weapon system," Major Reidy added. "But not only that, we are accurately employing this weapon in a realistic timeline – simply put, this is a weapon that we can shoot, and shoot effectively."

The JASSM platform is part of the B-1 Joint Standoff Weapon/Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile Integration (JJI) program – an extension of the B-1's Block E system upgrades and one part of the overall B-1 Conventional Mission Upgrade Program.

"JASSM is a low observable, highly survivable subsonic cruise missile designed to penetrate next generation air defense systems en route to its assigned target," said Jack Genesevich, 36 Intelligence Squadron senior analyst. "The JASSM can deliver a 1,000-pound penetrator warhead to a range of 200-plus nautical miles with better than three meter accuracy and uses a preloaded wire-frame Terminal Area Model of the target area to achieve more accurate terminal guidance than is possible with Global Positioning Systems alone. Each missile can hold up to eight TAMs and associated ingress routes to allow in-flight target selection."



Courtesy photo

A B-1 launches a Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile. During the JASSM Thunder 05-01, Dyess successfully completed the first operational-level planning to execution exercise for the B-1 featuring its new JASSM capability. In the exercise, B-1s successfully simulated launching 72 JASSMs.

The JASSM Thunder exercise is actually the third program in a series of demonstrations challenging the capabilities and limitations of the B-1 bomber and its new JASSM weapon system. According to Capt. Steve Sturm, 7th Bomb Wing wing weapons officer, these demonstrations are specifically designed to hone and improve the essential mission planning and weapon employment capabilities.

In JASSM Thunder 05-01, a variety of specialized Air Force professionals worked together to make this exercise a suc-

cess, said Major Reidy. In addition to the 7th Operations Group and 7th Maintenance Group at Dyess, the experts from the 12th Air Force Air Operations Center at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., the 480th Intelligence Group at Langley Air Force Base, Va., and the 608th Air Operations Group, Detachment 1 from U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. also contributed their expertise to JASSM Thunder.

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Re-integration class begins

By Staff Sgt. Zachary Wilson
Dyess Public Affairs

As Dyess prepares to welcome back more than 400 of its Airmen this week, re-deployers have been given new guidance on returning back to regular status.

The new Air Combat Command re-integration program mandates that people returning from a deployment fall into a standardized four-day schedule of military commitments before being let go for 10 days for personal decompression time.

"While (ACC) has a robust program in place to prepare our Airmen and their families for deployments, to support them during the period of separation and to prepare them for reintegration, the challenges faced by our Airmen are considerably different than they were 5-6 years ago," said Lt. Gen Bruce Wright, former ACC vice commander. "In many cases, our Airmen are directly supporting other branches of service and coming face-to-face with levels of stress, conflict, and action that necessitate an emotional and psychological decompression. In view of these changing needs, I tasked our Integrated Delivery System team to develop a coordinated strategy to ensure our returning Airmen are taken care of and a safety net of service is maintained throughout the reintegration period."

The new program is considered to be an ongoing process that will start up to 30 days prior to the deployed member's return to Dyess all the way through a 30 and 60 day post re-deployment follow-up.

"The process takes into account the need to balance the member's desire to take time off with family and our need to ensure every Airman has the tools to adapt to a changed environment in the quickest and safest way possible," said General Wright.

The re-integration program also allows time for sufficient medical screening and follow-up, re-integration into community, gradual adjustment of families, communication and relationship awareness, and completion of required reintegration and personal tasks, ACC officials said.

Under the new system, returnees will have Day 0 and Day 1 to spend time with their families and de-compress, said Capt. Jake Martinez, 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron installation deployment officer. Once Day 2 comes, the returnees must report to duty to accomplish re-processing through the 7th Medical Group. During this time Airmen will receive briefings from the chaplain, Life Skills office and the family support center.

"All in all, Day 2 should take about half of a day when you take into account the number of people who will be processing," Captain Martinez said. "There is no time limit for accomplishing these actions and it will be done when it is done."

On Day 3, members are given the day off to take care of personal business and appointments, Captain Martinez said. Airmen are not expected to report for duty.

On Day 4, the returnee signs in with their squadron or orderly room and are required by the ACC guidance to have some sort of interaction with their squadron commander who would get a chance to get "get eyes on" the individual to make sure they are ready to go, Captain Martinez said. "How Day 4 goes is completely up to each squadron commander," the Captain said.

"The "eyes on" philosophy is a minimum requirement from ACC, but it is up to each commander how they want to meet this requirement," Captain Martinez said.

After the four-day re-integration process, the military member is free to go for 10 days before having to report into the unit, he said.

"One of the important parts of this process involves identification of higher-risk individuals who have been exposed to unusual danger, experienced loss, witnessed disturbing events, been injured, had family problems. These Airmen will be required to undergo individual debriefings and follow-up by Life Skills as necessary," General Wright said.

Dyess SNCO titled controller of year

By Airman 1st Class James Kang
Dyess Public Affairs

A Dyess senior non-commissioned officer was recently awarded the title as the best Air Traffic Controller enlisted training manager in the Air Force.

Master Sgt. Zefrem Smith, 7th Operations Support Squadron chief controller, was awarded the 2993 Air Traffic Controller Enlisted Manager of the year award April 28 and the Air Force Airfield Operations annual awards.

"I am elated that the Air Force recognized my talents and contributions to the air traffic controllers' mission by recognizing me with this U.S. Air Force-level award," said Sergeant Smith. "Knowing a lot of the other ATC nominee's that represented their respective major command and respecting their individual contributions really made this an awesome and humbling experience. I am truly grateful."

Sergeant Smith's many accomplishments over the past year include leading a team of 40 air traffic controllers, handling air traffic control equipment worth \$21 million, performing first sergeant duties while deployed and supporting over 35,000 B-1, C-130 and transient aircraft operations.

"I am grateful to my senior leadership both at Dyess and while I was deployed for believing in me and giving me the opportunity to lead," Sergeant Smith said. "The greatest help I received in earning this award aside from the Lord is my wife and kids. They sacrificed husband and daddy working long hours and being deployed."



Courtesy photo

Master Sgt. Zefram Smith directs an aircraft from the Dyess Air Traffic Control Tower. Sergeant Smith was recently named as the 2004 Air Force Air Traffic Controller of the Year.

Sergeant Smith's cousin, Army Master Sgt. Terwan Crawley was also a big inspiration in his life and military career, he added.

"Since we were kids, we grew up constantly challenging each other and that tradition has spilled over into our military careers," Sergeant Smith said.

Sergeant Crawley was promoted to E-8 in April and Sergeant Smith will be promoted to E-8 in December, after just 17

years into their careers.

Sergeant Smith won the award for his accomplishments and outstanding performance in his duties, said 1st Lt. Jason Kiser, 7th OSS airfield operations flight commander.

"He is one of the best troops we have in the field," Lieutenant Kiser said. "He takes good care of his troops and sets the standard for his troops, which makes him a true leader."

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Today is Military Spouse Appreciation day. None of us have to be reminded of the many sacrifices our spouses make every day to support our military members. I am convinced that we at Team Dyess could not accomplish our mission as well as we do without the constant support and encouragement of our spouses. With moves, TDYs and deployments and the host of other challenges we as military members face on a daily basis during our service to our Air Force and country, we can say without a doubt our families also serve in their own important way. Throughout this month, I have asked all of our squadrons and units to individually thank their spouses in a way they deem appropriate. Whatever we do as a military family, it can never fully repay all that our spouses do for Team Dyess. The Friday before Mother's Day may be the official day, but as far as I'm concerned, each and every day should be Military Spouse Appreciation Day!



Col. Garrett Harencak
7th Bomb Wing commander

20 years of service

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(Editor's Note: In honor of the B-1's 20th year of service, the Dyess Global Warrior has dedicated a recurring section to highlight the achievements of the "Bone." This year's anniversary will be highlighted at the 2005 Big Country Appreciation Day airshow, June 25 with reunion events occurring in the days immediately preceding and following the show.)

Lancer history

In April 1972, Rockwell International Corporation believed the B-1A program was and would remain on schedule. But by July 1973, the complex nature of the new aircraft became more apparent. Cutting edge technology coupled with advanced fabrication techniques contributed to time slips and delivery schedule delays. Research, development, test and evaluation dates were pushed further and further back as the Air Force's most advanced bomber ever, struggled through production problems.

(Information provided by Master Sgt. Robert Romanelli, 7th Bomb Wing historian.)



Airman 1st Class Courtney Garrard

Clergy day

Master Sgt. George Bland, 7th Operations Support Squadron assistant chief controller, explains the air traffic control tower mission to local clergy members during a tour the base chapel hosted for Abilene's religious leaders.

40th AEG commander sends thanks to Dyess, Abilene

By Col. Bud Redmond

40th Air Expeditionary Group commander and 7th Bomb Wing vice commander.

This weekend about 500 Dyess Airmen return from operations in the Middle East along with 8 B-1s. We have been gone for over 5-and-a-half months since before Christmas and we're ready to get home to Texas and Abilene.

Your Airmen flew over 400 sorties, almost 6,000 hours of flight, dropped numerous bombs and supported soldiers, sailors, Airmen and Marines as we ensured freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq. We are the 5th major deployment for Team Dyess in the last year throughout the Middle East. Over the last year, Dyess Airmen have defended convoys in Iraq, brought medical care to people in Pakistan and saved the life of a police chief in Afghanistan. They have worked 48 hours straight, slept by their airplanes during forward deployments and missed holidays with a smile on their face and a purpose in their heart.

They couldn't have done this without the support and hard work by Dyess and the City of Abilene. Emergencies, sicknesses and problems looked insurmountable until our fellow Airmen and city friends stepped in to help us. We have seen and experienced great support on weekends, holidays and every time we need it. I am continually appreciative of the hearts of the people of Dyess and Abilene.

Equally important has been our families who have given up much for this mission, sacrificed as hard as anyone, working, raising children, cleaning, paying bills and taking care of a million things we weren't there to do. Right at the top of my list is my wife's list of things to do and the very first thing is to tell her how much I appreciate her letting me be part of something bigger than myself-defending America. We could never do this without you! Thanks!

America remains at war. We have seen the enemy, and they are ruthless with a



Airman 1st Class Anthony Ennamorato

Airmen from the 40th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron move a maintenance stand in place to perform routine maintenance on the B-1.

purpose that is morally bankrupt. The men and women you support have proven themselves dedicated, courageous, skillful and driven by a purpose to finish this mission. I fully believe that history will look back on the U.S. after 9/11 and wonder how we brought freedom to two countries and destroyed our enemies. I would tell them to come to Texas, Abilene and Dyess-meet the people, and you will wonder no more.

Thanks for all you do! Glad to be back in Texas, Abilene and Dyess!

Special duty briefing

Have you ever been interested in becoming a Recruiter, Military Training Instructor, Military Training Leader, Technical Training Instructor, or Professional Military Education Instructor? If so, the Air Education and Training Command Special Duty Assignment Team is offering the opportunity you have been seeking. The AETC team will host a Special Duty Assignment briefing on 12 May 05 in the 28th Bomb Squadron Auditorium, 465 Second Ave from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

There are few jobs in the Air Force more challenging, satisfying, and rewarding than an AETC special duty assignment. If you're a AIC with at least 24 months Time In Service through Master Sergeant with less than 17 years Total Active Federal Military Service, the AETC Special Duty Assignment Team invites you to attend their briefing and learn more about these challenging careers. Enlisted personnel from all Air Force Specialty Codes that meet the previously identified criteria are eligible to apply for these positions and are encouraged to attend the briefing. Spouses of potential applicants are also invited. Members of the Recruiter Screening Team and the MTI Recruiting Team will conduct the briefing.

"Recruiters are responsible for the number and quality of young men and women who enlist and begin their Air Force careers. We are the first to touch the lives of our future airman," said MSgt Richard DeLacy, NCOIC of the Recruiter Screening Team. "One of our best entitlements is the opportunity to choose your own recruit-

AETC needs your experience!

What: AETC special duty briefing

Who: Airmen 1st Class with at least 24 months service and master sergeants with less than 17 years time in service

When: From 10 a.m. to noon May 12

Where: 28th Bomb Squadron auditorium

POC: Master Sgt. Gillian Fisher at 696-4471

ing assignment from more than 1100 possible locations."

"Everyone remembers their MTI," said MSgt Edward Bradley, MTI Recruiting Team Superintendent. "The MTI sets the stage for each individual's success in the Air Force and mentors hundreds of new Air Force members. The job is filled with substantial rewards for those who want to have a hand in molding our future airman. Besides these intangible benefits we also are entitled to Special Duty Assignment pay and an annual supplemental clothing allowance."

The team can expedite the processing of an applicant's special duty application if they bring the completed application with them to the briefing. To obtain a copy of the AETC special duty application, contact the Base Career Assistance Advisor, MSgt Gillian Fisher, at 6-4471.

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Team Dyess quarterly award winners

<div>Airman</div> <div><div>Senior Airman Shevaun Wright Unit: 39th Airlift Squadron Job title: Loadmaster Hometown: Eugene, Okla. Time at Dyess: Two years, three months Time in Air Force: Three years, three months Hobbies: Computers, reading, chess and video games Goals: Get a bachelors or masters degree in business</div></div>	<div>NCO</div> <div><div>Staff Sgt. Richard Gammon Unit: 7th Communications Squadron Job title: NCO in-charge of maintenance control Hometown: Macy, Ind. Time at Dyess: One year, two months Time in Air Force: 17 years Hobbies: Umpiring fast-pitch softball and sports</div></div>	<div>Senior NCO</div> <div><div>Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Bible Unit: 317th Maintenance Squadron Job title: Avionics flight chief Hometown: Summerville, S.C. Time at Dyess: Three years, three months Time in Air Force: 22 years, eight months Hobbies: Model car building, coaching little league and Rock music Goals: Get my bachelors degree and make chief master sergeant.</div></div>	<div>Company grade officer</div> <div><div>Capt. Ivan Herwick Unit: 7th Communications Squadron Job title: Plans and transportation flight commander Hometown: Seattle Time at Dyess: Seven months Time in Air Force: Eight years Hobbies: Spending time with family, reading and computers Goals: Do the best I can at Dyess and keep having fun</div></div>
<div>First sergeant</div> <div><div>Master Sgt. John Reinoehl Unit: 7th Civil Engineer Squadron Job title: First Sergeant Hometown: Portsmith, Va. Time at Dyess: Nine years, two months Time in Air Force: 25 years Hobbies: Sports and music Goals: To continue to strive for success in every aspect of my life and career</div></div>	<div><div><div>Honor Guard airman</div><div><div>Airman 1st Class Mario Lozano Unit: 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron Job title: Aerospace Ground Equipment apprentice Hometown: League City, Texas Time at Dyess: One year, two months Time in Air Force: One year, 11 months Hobbies: Sports and spending time with my new bride Goals: Become a firefighter and get my degree in "Fire Science."</div></div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Honor Guard NCO</div><div><div>Staff Sgt. Ana Carrillo Unit: 7th Logistics Readiness Squadron Job title: Assistant NCOIC Hometown: Presidio, Texas Time at Dyess: Three years, six months Time in Air Force: Seven years, six months Hobbies: Travel, cooking, and spending time with friends and family Goals: Earn my degree and travel</div></div></div></div>	
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B-1s provide sound, fury over Afghanistan

By 1st Lt. Edward T. Rivera
9th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron

CENTCOM AOR — Pinned down and ambushed, U.S. ground forces broke contact from Anti-Coalition Militia south of Bagram last month with the aid of a B-1 bomber from the 9th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron providing an overwhelming show of airpower.

This was not the first time, nor was it the last time B-1s have showcased their lethal flexibility in the skies of Afghanistan. Since December 2004, B-1 aircrews from 9th EBS have employed the jet in a variety of ways all to support ground forces assigned to Combined Joint Task Force 76. While the primary mission is to put bombs on target the B-1 has also used non-lethal means to ensure victory in Afghanistan.

In the past five months, B-1s have dropped sixteen thousand pounds of weapons while flying combat air support missions for Operation Enduring Freedom. More impressive is the results achieved by B-1s when not dropping bombs. In the same five month period, B-1 aircrews have flown low altitude, high speed passes over enemy positions directly supporting Joint



Airman 1st Class Anthony Ennamorato

A B-1 takes off for a mission over the skies of Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Terminal Air Controllers engaged with Anti-Coalition Militia more than two dozens times.

“Our primary task is to put iron on target, but whatever the guys on the ground need to get the job

done, we will provide.” said 1st Lt. Michael Jungquist, 9th EBS B-1 Weapons System Officer.

Lieutenant Jungquist was one of the first members of the 9th EBS to employ weapons support-

ing Coalition forces in December. Not every mission requires such explosive displays of force to achieve success. Members of the 9th EBS have also aided ground forces with high-speed passes displaying U.S. air superiority.

“Sometimes it takes a while to see all the effects of a bomb,” said Lieutenant Jungquist, “But when you fly just over the enemy’s head and make a lot of noise, you instantly see them running.”

B-1s came through in the clutch using non-lethal means again in February south of Bagram.

U.S. Forces were receiving fire from ACMs from an unidentified position. Since the JTAC and the B-1 aircrew could not determine the enemy’s exact position for weapon delivery, they coordinated for the next best thing. The B-1 performed a low altitude pass above the friendly ground position at more than 560 knots. Immediately following the high-speed pass, the ACMs ceased firing on the U.S. ground forces.

Following the show of force, the B-1 climbed to high altitude and began using its Ground Moving Target Indicator to track several vehicles moving away from the enemy position. The B-1 crew passed the position information to a Marine quick reaction team who

pursued the fleeing vehicles and captured several Anti-Coalition Militia members.

The B-1 has come a long way since it first joined the Air Force in 1985. Originally designed as part of the strategic nuclear bomber fleet, the B-1 has flourished in its current conventional role. The B-1s in the fleet today are capable of carrying multiple weapons such as GBU-31s, MK-84s, Mk-82s, and CBU-103/104/105s. The GBU-31 has been the mainstay during OEF because of the B-1s capability to deliver them with high accuracy and carry as many as 24 of them. The crews of the 9th EBS are among the first qualified to launch the Joint Air to Surface Standoff Missile or the JASSM, the nation’s newest stealth weapon.

B-1 crews, comprised of two pilots and two weapons system officers, are currently flying sorties supporting CENTAF taskings throughout the AOR. The typical sortie averages 15 hours. Long missions are no obstacle to B-1 aircrews that fly every mission with a singular determination. Their intent, described by 9th EBS Commander Lt. Col. Robert Maness, is to “Keep America’s knife at the throat of Al Queda.”

112 Dyess Airmen get promoted in May

One hundred and twelve Dyess Airmen will be adding a stripe to their sleeves this May.

The Dyess Airmen being promoted this coming month are:

To chief master sergeant:
Carolyn Forester, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Michael Murphy, 7th Mission Support Squadron

To master sergeant:
Lawrence Armstrong, 7th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
William Atwood, 7th Mission Operations Squadron
Rodney Brown, 317th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Scott Hurst, 317th AMXS

Scott Showalter, 39th Airlift Squadron
Edward Slacum, 7th Operation Support Squadron
Ralph Smith, 317th Airlift Group
Dale Stebbins, 372nd Training Squadron
Steven Tashjian, 7th AMXS

Eddie Victorian, 40th Airlift Squadron

To technical sergeant:
Jose Agostogonzalez, 7th AMXS

William Brown, 7th Medical Operations Squadron
Christopher Clark, 7th MDOS
Lester Cooks, 40th AS
Gregory Cotton, 7th Security Forces Squadron
Michael Flanagan, 9th Air Support Operations Squadron
Jeremy Hughes, 317th AMXS
Oscar Ingalls, 7th SFS
Jason Jones, 7th Component Maintenance Squadron
Jenny McAtee, 3rd Weather Squadron
John Youngblood, 7th MSS

To staff sergeant:
Sandra Alvor, 7th EMS
Quantaya Anderson, 7th LRS
Ashley Banks, 13th Bomb Squadron
Christopher Bebout, 7th CMS
Felipe Becerra, 7th SFS
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Steven Ortega, 7th LRS
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Roger Protte, 7th LRS
Blake Schneider, 7th CMS
Adrian Shine, 712th Air Support Operations Squadron
Jeffrey Smith, 9th ASOS
Kimberly Spradlin, 7th SVS

William Walker, 7th CES

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Thomas Anderson, 7th AMXS
Danielle Ardrey, 7th EMS
Gary Bailey, 7th CMS
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Brian Bland, 7th CES
Jeffery Branch, 7th AMXS
Charmekia Brown, 7th BW
Michael Brownell, 7th AMXS
John Buckley, 7th AMXS
Dennis Cass, 317th AMXS
Andrew Corriveau, 7th Communications Squadron
Christian Dewitt, 7th CES
Saed Glover, 7th CES
Russell Gray, 7th LRS
Ronnie Hays, 7th CMS
Clark Hendrix, 7th EMS
Jodi Hewett, 7th Contracting Squadron
Shaun Huntsman, 317th MXS

Emilliano Kaku, 7th AMXS

Gary Lang, 7th AMXS
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Francis Mapili, 712th ASOS
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John McCoy, 7th AMXS
Stephen Miller, 317th MXS
Jeromy Nevitt, 7th EMS
Sarah Nicholas, 7th AMXS
Robert Padilla, 7th AMXS
Robinson Porter, 7th SVS
Megan Powers, 7th CS
Dustin Record, 7th AMXS
Joey Rivera, 7th MOS
John Rodman, 7th EMS
Jason Schmidt, 7th AMXS
Christopher Smith, 7th EMS
Trapper Stamp, 7th EMS
Joshua Thompson, 7th CMS
Ronald Tinney, 7th CMS

Richard Wakefield, 7th CS

Justin Walsh, 7th CMS
Brandon Whittom, 317th AMXS
Richard Wilson, 317th AMXS
Christopher Woolums, 7th CS
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Andrew Dluhos, 317th AMXS
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Christopher Ross, 7th AMXS
James Scherer, 317th AMXS
Travis Smith, 712th ASOS
To airman:
Carlos Soto, 7th SVS

Thunder

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During the exercise, the 12th AF AOC and the 480th IG supported the exercise as the JASSM targeting center while the 608th Det. 1 fulfilled the role of the exercise’s reach back mission planning element. A team of observers from the 28th Bomb Wing was also on-hand for the exercise.

The four-day exercise consisted of four specific operational phases.

The first phase was the scenario generation phase. During this part of the exercise, the 12th AF AOC, assisted by the 7th OG white cell, produced an intelligence scenario and generated an Air Tasking Order complete with 120 targets.

As the clock chimed 8 a.m. on day two, the mission planning phase began. The 7th Operations Support Squadron’s mission planning cell immediately initiated 24 hour operations and coordinated the first ATO release with the 12th AF AOC. The 7th OSS MPC then planned and briefed four B-1 sorties for the exercise. The four missions combined for 96 individual JASSM targets. The 608th Det. 1 also planned a fifth sortie adding an additional 24 JASSM targets to the list. The 480th IG expertly constructed target acquisition models and provided them to the 7th OSS MPC. During their 24 hour operations each team was challenged by and overcame 28 different target and airspace changes within the ATO cycle —

simulating real-world combat operations.

“In addition to the TAMs built, the JASSM Target Center (JTC) also provided the B-1 squadrons with standard weaponering solutions as well as 37 JASSM GPS weaponering solutions for Time Sensitive Targeting operations during the exercise,” said Capt. Duane Diesing, 36th IS combat targeting flight commander.

Day three — crunch time — the execution phase of JASSM Thunder began. Despite having one sortie canceled for maintenance reasons, Dyess B-1 aircrews launched and flew three successful missions. These missions combined for 72 simulated JASSM strikes. These technological attacks included 16 planned targets of opportunity and six time sensitive targeting launches. The six Time Sensitive Targets are impressive because these strikes demonstrate a singularly unique capability for the B-1 bomber, the ability to program up to five waypoints into the JASSM to fly inbound to the target.

“TSTs are very important,” Major Reidy said. “A lot can change in the course of a mission. And right now, the B-1 is the only platform to use the JASSM weapon and have the capability to change it in flight.”

Phase four of the exercise, the debriefing phase, was conducted on April 28. This extensive hotwash between both MPC team chiefs and all MPC planners as well as 608th Det. 1 contributors provided the valuable feedback about the real success of this first operational-level planning to execution

exercise. These key players will meet again Tuesday through May 13 for additional debriefings focused on improvements to the essential mission planning process as well as weapon employment capabilities.

“This marks the first time that an operational exercise has combined an Air Operations Center, a flying unit and the JTC and that the 36 IS JTC has produced TAMs for over a 24 hour period,” Captain Diesing said. “Overall, the exercise was an enormous success and provided the arena to test ATO and TST JASSM TAM and mission planning production and dissemination procedures of all units involved.”

“With the results of this exercise, we can anticipate working out any further complications and then streamline the process to shorten the timeline even further,” Major Reidy added.

With the tremendously successful teamwork and employment by every team in JASSM Thunder, exercise officials feel it was a huge success — validating the B-1s capability to effectively perform with the JASSM weapon platform in a large multi-target environment. This success has been voiced by Dyess’ own recommendation to the commander of Air Combat Command to officially declare an Initial Operating Capability for the JASSM weapon system on the B-1. The official IOC notification is still pending.

“This is the first B-1 exercise to effectively incorporate the JASSM,” Major Reidy said. “And, it was a big success. We have

identified our strengths and weaknesses as well as gained the valuable insight to the timeline the B-1 needs to accomplish these missions. Simply put – we now know exactly how to get out the door and strike those targets.”

Once completed, the B-1 will have the largest JASSM capability in the Air Force with a maximum capacity of 24 missiles. Other platforms that are capable of carrying the JASSM are the B-52, B-2, F-117 and F-16.

(Editor’s Note: Capt. Steve Sturm, 7 BW wing weapons officer OIC for this exercise would like to thank the following individuals on behalf of Dyess for their inputs.

“Team Dyess really shined during this exercise,” Captain Sturm said. “We have once again paved the way for the rest of the Combat Air Force to follow. Without the support of our outstanding Airmen our landmark accomplishment would not of been possible.”

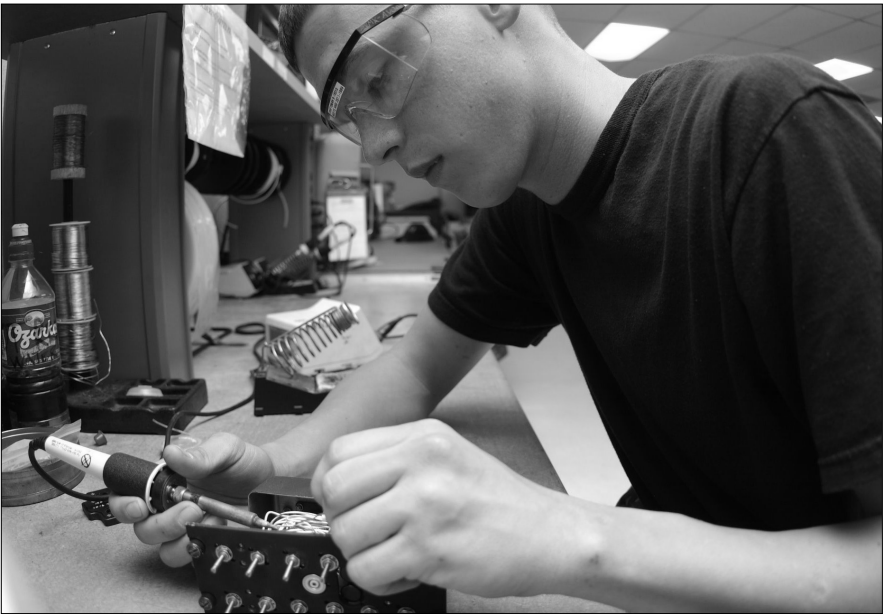
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TEAM DYESS

Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class John Wilson

Unit: 317th Maintenance Squadron
Job title: Electrical Warfare Systems Apprentice
Job description: Maintain the electrical counter-measure systems on a C-130.
Time in the Air Force: One year and three months
Time at Dyess: Nine months
Hometown: Lockhart, Texas
Family: Single
Favorite thing about Dyess: The support we receive from the Abilene community.
Most rewarding job aspect: The fact that what I do saves lives in the combat environment.
Career goals: Finish my Associates degree in Avionics Systems Technology and then complete my Bachelors degree.
Favorite thing about the Air Force: The benefits, the career stability and the people I work with and meet each day.
(Editor's note: The Dyess Warrior of the Week is selected by unit squadron commanders, first sergeants or supervisors on a rotating squadron basis.)



Senior Airman Ryan Summers

Brothers forged by fire

Dyess firefighters share bond that streches around the world

**By Airman 1st Class
Kiley Olds**
Dyess Public Affairs

If trying to get along with two or three family members can be difficult, imagine living in a family of 70.

For Dyess firefighters, that is what they are — family.

“We spend more time together than we do with our own family,” said Staff Sgt. Carlos Bosch, fire protection craftsman. “We’re here in 24 hour shifts. The camaraderie we have is a total family environment.”

Like a family, firefighters have to trust and depend on each other every hour of the day because their lives are on the line.

“Everything we do is as a team,” Sergeant Bosch said. “We constantly rely on each other. While another is engaged in a fire, it’s my job to watch his or her back.”

When a civil engineer warehouse on base caught fire in January, it put that trust through a literal “trial by fire.”

“It was my first real fire,” said Airman Dallas Harperstaub, a fire protection apprentice. “You go into the building blind and see stuff falling around you and don’t know if it’s just a ceiling tile coming down or the entire building. That’s why you have to rely on the people outside to watch the building for you.”

A fire is one of the scariest environments imaginable, Sergeant Bosch added.

“It’s dark and extremely hot,” Sergeant Bosch said. “Even



Airman 1st Class Kiley Olds

Dyess firefighters Airman 1st Class Clinton Moore, left, and Airman 1st Class Todd Willis, right, double-check prepacked medical kits on one of Dyess’ fire engines. Dyess firefighters live and work together pulling 24 hour shifts at a time, training, deploying and depending on each other. Like their civilian counterparts, military firefighters develop a close bond of brotherhood with their fellow firemen.

through the protective gear, you can still feel the extreme heat. It literally feels like you’re cooking — being roasted alive in an oven.”

While plunging into a sea of flame and possible death for the first time would terrify even the bravest of people, Airman Harperstaub wasn’t worried.

“I wasn’t scared at all because I trust all the guys I work with to catch anything that might happen,” he said.

Nothing is more evident of the bond between firefighters than the loss of Staff Sgt. Ray

Rangel, a Dyess firefighter who died in February while trying to save the lives of two soldiers while deployed to Iraq.

On Feb. 16, Air Force firefighters worldwide participated in a one-minute final alarm ceremony to remember Sergeant Rangel’s sacrifice.

Because Airman Harperstaub has only been at Dyess since December, he never had the chance to meet Sergeant Rangel, as the sergeant was deployed. But, the bond between firefighter’s remained.

“While I didn’t know him

personally,” Airman Harperstaub said. “I still consider him my brother because he’s a firefighter.”

While some didn’t know Sergeant Rangel, others did.

“There’s not a day that goes by that I don’t think about him,” Sergeant Bosch said. “But on the other hand, (Sergeant Rangel) went down courageously while trying to save other people. For a firefighter, there is no greater honor than dying in the line of duty trying to save other people’s lives. It’s the most selfless act a firefighter could do.”

AF motorcycle safety forum set for May 28

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — A five-year review of motorcycle mishaps to Air Force members revealed incidents are on the rise.

These mishaps resulted in 72 deaths from 1999 to 2003, and the Air Force ratio of mishaps per capita exceeded the national average.

To increase motorcycle safety awareness, the Air Force Safety Center scheduled a forum for motorcycle riders May 28 at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

“A lot of Air Force riders will be in the D.C. metro area over the Memorial Day

weekend, and we thought this would be a great opportunity to invite the Air Force active-duty, Reserve, Guard and Air Force civilian motorcycle riders to a safety forum,” said John Phillips, Air Force ground safety chief.

Maj. Gen. Maurice L. “Lee” McFann Jr., Air Force chief of safety, will provide opening remarks and emcee the event.

The forum is scheduled to start at noon at the base lake pavilion, and includes:

- Air Force motorcycle safety update.
- Lessons learned from Air Force motorcycle clubs.
- Motorcycle Safety Foundation pres-

entation.

- Keynote speaker.
- Question and answer sessions.

The keynote speaker for the event is avid motorcyclist Lt. Gen. Richard V. Reynolds, Air Force Materiel Command vice commander. General Reynolds will talk about his personal experience as a rider and he encourages all Air Force motorcyclists to attend the event.

“We want to make this an informal outing and provide safety messages and receive feedback from the rider,” Mr. Phillips said. “This is just one way to increase the safety culture in motorcycle riders.”



BRAC recommendations follow lengthy process

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Few people dispute that the U.S. military has too much infrastructure to face the threats and opportunities of the 21st century. The question is, what is the best way to close or realign installations to match challenges of the new world?

Since 1988, the answer has been the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, and that process continues to move ahead with a new round in 2005.

While closing an individual base can be a problem, the process is designed to be nonpartisan, officials said. The first BRAC round came during the Reagan administration, the second in the first Bush administration and the third and fourth were under President Clinton.

Former Defense Secretary William S. Cohen first proposed the current round soon after taking office in 1997, officials said. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has been asking for a new round of closures and realignments since taking office in January 2001.

BRAC is a challenging process, officials said. The four previous BRAC rounds — in 1988, 1991,

1993 and 1995 — brought about 97 major closures, 55 major realignments and 235 minor actions, according to Defense Department figures. Overall, officials said closing and realigning these installations saved American taxpayers about \$18 billion through fiscal 2001 and a further \$7 billion per year since.

A BRAC report submitted in March 2004 estimated there is a 24-percent excess capacity in DOD.

Civilian and military leaders in the department have stressed that the military must become more agile and flexible to face the new challenges. Officials have repeatedly said the BRAC process must be seen as part of a larger effort to restructure the global footprint of the U.S. military. As part of this, U.S. bases overseas will close or morph into nonpermanent installations. Officials estimate the number of troops in Europe will drop from 100,000 to about 50,000.

In Korea, the number of U.S. forces is already dropping from 34,000, but officials have not released a final target number for troops on the peninsula.

The BRAC 2005 process builds on lessons learned from past

rounds. Essentially, this year’s legislation took previous versions and amended them, officials said.

This year’s BRAC round was part of the 2002 National Defense Authorization Act. The process began with a memorandum from Secretary Rumsfeld to defense leaders titled “Transformation Through Base Realignment and Closure.”

By the end of 2003, DOD officials published the draft selection criteria. In March 2004, department officials submitted the force-structure plan and infrastructure inventory to Congress. The next month, Congress approved the final selection criteria.

In March 2005, the president nominated the commissioners that will serve on the BRAC Commission. This month, Secretary Rumsfeld will send the department’s closure and realignment recommendations to the commission, officials said.

This year’s BRAC Commission members are former Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi, commission chairman; former Nevada Rep. James H. Bilbray; Philip Coyle, a former DOD director of operational test and evaluation; retired Navy Adm. Harold W. Gehman Jr., a for-

mer commander of U.S. Joint Forces Command; former Utah Rep. James V. Hansen; retired Army Gen. James T. Hill, former commander of U.S. Southern Command; retired Gen. Lloyd “Fig” Newton, former commander of Air Education and Training Command; former Transportation Secretary Samuel K. Skinner; and retired Brig. Gen. Sue Ellen Turner, former director of nursing services for the Air Force surgeon general.

The basic process is simple, officials said. The military services and joint cross-service groups develop closure and realignment recommendations. Military value is the primary consideration.

The law also mandates that department officials use a 20-year force-structure plan in forming their recommendations.

The services examine each base’s “service-unique” function. In a difference this year, cross-service groups will analyze functions that cross service lines. For example, all services have warehouses. So a joint group will analyze warehouse functions for all the services, officials said.

Cross-service groups are examining seven functional areas: educational and training, headquar-

ters and support activities, industrial, intelligence, medical, supply and storage, and technical.

The most recent previous BRAC round used similar joint-service groups, but they could not make recommendations to the secretary. This year, recommendations from the joint groups are considered by the secretary the same way the services’ submissions are.

Officials said Secretary Rumsfeld will publish his recommendations in the Federal Register by May 16 and will submit his recommendations to the BRAC Commission and Congress.

Once he submits his recommendations, the commission will hold hearings and examine the recommendations. The commission process runs through September. The commission sends an “all-or-nothing list” to the president, meaning the president can approve all of the closures and realignments on the list or disapprove the entire list. If he approves, the list goes to Congress.

The House and Senate have 45 “legislative days” to disapprove the list. If they do nothing, the list automatically is approved and has the “force and effect of law,” officials said.

STRATCOM transforming, decentralizing

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Strategic Command is transforming by incorporating old missions, adding new ones and making the command more flexible and agile for the 21st century, officials said.

STRATCOM, at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., still maintains the U.S. nuclear deterrent, but gained a number of new missions as a result of changes in the unified command plan in 2002.

These new missions called for the command to make fundamental changes in the way it has conducted business, said Army Maj. Gen. Kevin Campbell, the command’s chief of staff.

In the plan, the command received missile defense, global strike, information operations and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions. In 2004, the mission of combating weapons of mass destruction was added.

“Those missions, by and large, were about planning, coordinating and integrating,” General Campbell said. “Execution is when directed - especially for global strike.”

Since Pentagon leaders announced the changes in 2002, command officials have been “developing the concepts for how we thought we would do these missions,” the general said.

The command developed four joint-force component commands to take on the new missions.

The component commanders are:

Integrated missile defense — Army Lt. Gen. Larry J. Dodgen, commander of Army Space and Missile Defense Command at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Space and global strike — Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force commander at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

Network warfare — Lt. Gen. Michael V. Hayden, National Security Agency director at Fort Meade, Md.

Intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance — Navy Vice Adm. Lowell E. Jacoby, Defense Intelligence Agency director, The Pentagon.

General Campbell said it is important for people to remember the DIA and NSA directors do not control the JFCCs.

“These are separate and distinct hats that those gents wear for us,” the general said.

The command still is working on the combating weapons of mass destruction mission, General Campbell said.

STRATCOM is working with the various component commanders in standing up the new organizations.

He said many of the billets for the JFCCs will come from commands headquarters and make it much smaller than the more than 2,000 members currently on staff. The reduction will force the command to think differently, General Campbell explained.

Taking the manpower positions out of the headquarters forces the command to decentralize, he said.

The new construct creates bridges between the agency world and the combatant command world. “That was our vision, to see if we could better tap the resources that we need to do our ... jobs,” he said.

News Briefs

New Tye gate hours

Effective immediately, the operational hours for the Tye Gate have been changed. The Tye Gate is now open from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every Monday through Friday. In response to customer feedback, the gate hours were changed by the 7th Security Forces Squadron to better meet the needs of Dyess' Airmen. Mission and limited contractor openings for the Tye Gate must be coordinated with 7th Security Forces Squadron police services at 696-2720. For Saturday and Sunday openings, call 696-5537.

Dyess Toastmasters

The Dyess Toastmasters meet every Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. in The Hangar Center. The Toastmasters are a national organization designed to improve public speaking and other life skills.

Operation KIDS 2005

Reservations are available for dependents of 317th Airlift Group members to participate in an upcoming workshop. Operation KIDS is a chance for children in military families to discover what Airmen do when leaving home for a deployment. The event will be held at the new 317th AG building June 10 from 7 a.m. to noon. Registration is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from today through May 13 between 2 and 5 p.m. at the 317th Combined Squadron Operations Building. Children ages 5 and up who are 317th AG dependents are eligible to attend. Date of birth, home phone number and the sponsor's squadron affiliation are required to sign up. For more information, call 696-2764.

Space-available travel

The following flights are open for space-available travel.

- May 14 at 8 a.m. to Barksdale Air Force Base, La.; return date May 15.
- May 18 at 8 a.m. to Ft. Campbell, Ky.; return date May 19.
- May 19 at 8 a.m. to Pope AFB, N.C.; return date May 22.

All flights are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. Show time for all flights is two hours prior to scheduled take-off time. All travelers must show their military ID cards plus one additional form of ID. Active Duty travelers must possess valid leave orders. All sharp objects must be stored in checked baggage. Hand-carried baggage is subject to 100-percent search. The passenger terminal is in Building 4218, 941 Avenue B. For all flights scheduled during non-duty hours, travelers must notify the pax terminal at 696-4505 to ensure the terminal will be open.

CGOC meeting

A Dyess Company Grade Officers Council meeting will be held Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the Heritage Club.



Airman 1st Class Alan Garrison

Clownin' around town

Bonzo Crunch, a clown for the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus visits children at the Dyess Child Development Center Tuesday. Tickets to see the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Abilene are on sale now at the Information, Tickets and Travel office. Military members receive discounts for all shows. Military members only receive the discount if tickets are obtained through the ITT office. For more information, call 696-5207.

A representative from Big Brothers and Big Sisters is speaking at the event and will discuss an upcoming golf tournament. For information, contact 2nd Lt. Jonathan Page at 696-3152.

Community

Dyess OSC May function

The Dyess Officers' Spouses' Club will host the OSC Scholarship Awards Dinner, Thursday beginning at 6:30 p.m. at The Heritage Club. The dinner menu includes tossed green salad, linguine with marinara and alfredo sauce, vegetable or meat lasagna, Italian sausage with peppers and onions, chicken parmesan, chef's vegetable, garlic bread, chocolate cake, water, tea and coffee. The cost will be \$11.95 for club members or \$13.95 for non-members. Reservations are required by May 9. For more information or to RSVP, contact Amber Shawhan at 698-7095 or Michelle Thomas 692-4923.

Base blood drive

The next quarterly base blood drive will be May 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Hangar Center. By direction of the Department of Defense Armed Services Blood Program

Office, current donor restrictions include:

- People who have traveled or lived in the United Kingdom for three months or longer between 1980 and 1996
 - People who have traveled or lived in Europe for six months or longer between 1980 and 1996
 - People who received a blood transfusion in United Kingdom since 1980
- Donors may donate immediately after receiving the anthrax vaccine. Donors may also donate two weeks after a smallpox vaccine scab has fallen off on its own. For more information, call Capt. Aida Yumol at 696-7248.

Legal office re-opening

The Dyess Legal Office has reopened on the second floor of the 7th Bomb Wing headquarters building. For legal assistance, call 696-2232.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop is open to all base members and their families. Store hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month. Consignments are accepted on open days from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Thrift Shop is located at 382 4th Avenue. For more information, call 696-8203.

College registration

Local colleges and universities have started registration for their Maymesters, summer terms and early fall enrollments. Contact your school for class schedules and registration information. Active duty Air Force members may apply for Air Force Tuition Assistance up to 90 days prior to class start dates. School and course information must also be provided when applying for AF TA. This information must include the course number, course title, dates of the course, credit hours enrolled, and tuition and fee charges. For more information Contact Mr. William Phillips at 696-5545.

May special

- The auto skills center offers an air conditioner systems check for \$37.95.
 - A quick lube service is offered at the auto skills center which includes oil change with filter, all lubrication points greased and fluid levels changed for \$22.95.
 - The auto skills center offers state inspections for all vehicles.
 - The auto skills center offers loyalty cards for vehicles which allows customers to get one oil change for free after purchasing four.
- For more information, call the auto hobby shop at 696-4179.

The BIG Screen

The Dyess Theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card and may sponsor guests. Admission for adults is \$3, children 6-12 years old are \$1.50 and children ages 6 and younger are admitted free. Admission for G-rated movies is \$1.50 for children

between the ages 2-12. For more information, call 696-4320.

Friday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.
Guess Who — *Ashton Kutcher, Bernie Mac, Zoe Saldana* — A black father, Bernie Mac, has issues with his daughter's desire to marry a white boy, Ashton Kutcher. PG-13 (*sex-related humor*)

Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Miss Congeniality 2 — *Sandra Bullock, William Shatner, Heather Burns* — The story catches up with FBI agent Gracie Hart (Sandra Bullock), shortly after she successfully disarmed a threat against the Miss U.S. Pageant while working undercover as a contestant in Miss Congeniality. Having become a celebrity following her heroic pageant exploits, Gracie has been spending more time lately at the salon than the shooting range, working the talk show circuit and promoting her book. PG-13 (*some brief language and suggestive humor*)

Dyess Chapel



Catholic worship schedule:

Saturday: Reconciliation — 4:15 p.m.
Mass — 5 p.m.
Sunday: Mass — 9 a.m.
Sunday school — 11 a.m. at Dyess Elementary
Tuesday — Friday: Mass — 11:30 a.m.

Protestant worship schedule:

Sunday: Sunday school — 9:15 a.m. at Dyess Elementary
Traditional worship service — 11 a.m.
Gospel service — 12:30 p.m.

A nursery and children's church are available at all services. For information on Jewish services, call Capt. Matt Paskin at 370-1052. For more information about other services, call the chapel at 696-4224.

DYESS FORUM

By Staff Sgt. Kevin Scott
7th Bomb Wing safety

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. American Parent, it is with my personal heartfelt sorrow and deepest regrets that I inform you of the unfortunate death of your son or daughter while in faithful performance of his or her duty."

The likelihood to someday serve in a combat zone is the enormous risk we accept with the selfless act of raising our right hand and uttering a solemn oath. Due to recent developments around the globe, too often, the opening of this article is the end result borne of that risk. The chore of delivering this message regard-

ing an Airman fallen on the front lines of war is one of the most dreaded but time honored responsibilities of any commander. Now, imagine this same message, only this time it's about an Airman who died in an accident due to alcohol use, excessive speed, or fatigue; who died because of their refusal to wear the proper safety gear while boating or riding a motorcycle; who died simply by being too selfish to consider their friends, coworkers and loved ones who would be left behind to grieve their untimely passing. These dangers are not only selfishly created, they are entirely preventable. Every year the Air Force strives to

heighten our awareness of these dangers by highlighting the "101 Critical Days of Summer." This is the prime vacation and travel time of the year and historically often the most deadly. Thus the ultimate goal of this yearly campaign is to have no fatalities due to preventable incidents. Any loss of life within our Air Force family is a failure to reach this goal. That's why the Air Force needs you to do your part as part of the "Airman Supporting Airman" theme for this year suggests. In order for us to get there, every one of us must accept responsibility for our actions and our buddies. That responsibility is to refrain from taking unnecessary

risks where alcohol is involved; to avoid unsafe and aggressive driving behavior; to wear appropriate safety gear and get ample rest when engaging in fun higher risk vacation activities, and traveling. The next logical level of our responsibility is watch out for each other. As we enter into this summer season, keep safety first and foremost in your mind. Through this approach, the goal of attaining no fatalities will be well within our reach. To all the members of Dyess, enjoy your summer and have fun, but be careful in all your activities because what we really want is to see each other again on day "102".



Master Sgt. Robert W. Valencia

Grappling for gold

Air Force wrestler, Lorenzo Peterson (right), a 211.2-pound division Greco-Roman competitor, grapples with his opponent, R.C. Johnson of the New York Athletic Club, during a match at the 2005 U.S. Nationals Wrestling tournament held April 29. The Air Force team won first runner-up in the team standings for the tournament.

Sports Briefs

Tourney postponed

The Mrs. Tanya Harencak 1st Invitational Golf Tournament has been postponed. For more information, call 696-4384.

Boxing challenge

Dyess will host an all-ranks boxing expose from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. today at the base fitness center. Prizes will be awarded for a variety of bouts during the evening. Bouts recognized will be the Most Outstanding Bout, Buddy Challenge and the Troop versus Leadership Challenge.

Base fitness center

- The fitness center offers water aerobics at 9:15 a.m. Monday and Wednesday, and at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.
- The hours of operation for the new fitness center are from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Friday; and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays.
- The fitness center pool is for lap swimming or physical fit-

ness. The minimum age to use the pool is 16. Normal hours of pool operation are from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. The pool is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sundays.

- The following classes are all free and held at the new fitness center: Abs — 12:15 Monday, Wednesday and Friday; Glutes — 12:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; Boot camp abs — 6:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; Pump it — 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; Step — 6:05 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; Advanced step — 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; Step interval — 5:30 p.m. Tuesday; Step and toning — 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; Spinning — 5:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 6 a.m. Tuesday, and noon Tuesday and Thursday; Yogalates — 4:30 p.m. Thursday; Body toning — 5:30 p.m. Thursday; Combat circuit — 6 a.m. Thursday.

- Kuk Sool Won Tae Kwon Do classes are from 5:30 p.m. to

7:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Dyess health club. The cost is \$35 a month per person. Family rates are available. For more information, call 696-4140.

Mesquite Golf Course

- May 15 - Airman Golf Daze. Airmen receive half price off green fees.
 - Monday Madness - Games are \$12 on Mondays including golf cart.
 - Golf lessons - Lessons are available at the Mesquite Golf Course. Cost is \$25 for one lesson and \$75 for four lessons
- For more information about activities and events at the Mesquite Grove Golf Course, call 696-4384.

Paintball field

People can reserve the paintball field for unit “stressbuster” challenges. The field is available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday,

and noon to 4 p.m Sunday. Reservations must be made no later than 5 p.m. Friday and must be for a group of 10 or more. Outdoor recreation also has paintball guns for sale. Customers can stop in to see the selection or to place a special order. For more information, call 696-2402.

Dyess Lanes

New hours of operation for Dyess Lanes are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Snack Bar 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight; Tuesday snack bar and lanes from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturday snack bar 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday snack bar and lanes are open from noon to 6 p.m.

- Rockin’ & Rollin Thursday Nights games are only 75 cents after 5 p.m.
- Kids Birthday Special — get one game, shoe rental and a meal for \$4 per child.

- Sundays are Family Day. The special is \$1 per game all day for family members.
- Thunder Alley is every Saturday from 8 p.m. until closing. The cost is \$10 per person or \$2 per game. No one younger than 13 is allowed unless accompanied by an adult.

Swim team

A new lap swimming program is being organized for swimmers 18 years of age and older. The program is for anyone that can swim laps but wants to swim with a coach and other swimmers. There will be five coached workouts per week on the following days and times; Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Swimmers must provide their own goggles, suits and caps. For those interested in joining the swim team, contact the Dyess Fitness Center pool office at 696-2178.